International assistance for forest communication network in Indian forest

2089. SHRI SOM PAL DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are receiving bilateral international assistance for establishing most modem forest communication network in Indian forests ;

(b) if so, what the details and modelities thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of this aid, various State Governments too are allotted funds ;

(d) whether some State Govts. have submitted their demands to the Central Government for this purpose ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) At present, Govt, is not receiving any bilateral international assistance for establishing modern forest communication network.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Environmental audit system

2090. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact th Government propose to introduce environmental audit system to assees and control industrial pollution in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) by when such system is likely to be introduced ; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to check industrial pollution in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) The Government have introduced a scheme for environmental audit under which :—

Every person earring on an industry, operation or process requiring consent under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 or the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 or both or authorisation under the Hazardous (Management and Handline) Rules 1989 shall submit an environmental audit report for the financial year ending the 31st March in the form prescribed by the Government to the concerned State Pollution Control Board on or before the 15th day of May every year starting from 1993.

(d) Environmental audit is likely to lead to substantial reduction in generation of waste and conservation of natural resources.

Dal lake area at Srinagar

2091. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dal Lake area at Srinagar has shrunk further and has become more